

80. The “spread” is so significant that in some instances a patient’s 20 percent co-payment is more than the cost of the drug to the doctor or provider, as evidenced in the table below⁵:

| Drug | HCPCS Code | 1999 Florida Medicare Allowable | 20% Co-Payment | 1999 Wholesale Cost |
|---|-------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Leucovorin 50mg | J0640 | \$19.50 | \$3.90 | \$1.48 |
| Gentamycin 80mg | J1580 | \$4.74 | \$0.95 | \$0.56 |
| Sodium Chloride 0.9% 500ml | J7040 | \$10.30 | \$2.06 | \$1.46 |
| 5% Dextrose/Sodium Chloride 0.9% 500ml | J7042 | \$10.75 | \$2.15 | \$2.00 |
| Sodium Chloride 0.9% 250ml | J7050 | \$10.90 | \$2.18 | \$1.33 |
| 5% Dextrose in Water 500ml | J7060 | \$9.73 | \$1.95 | \$1.50 |
| Lacted Ringers 1000ml | J7120 | \$12.67 | \$2.53 | \$2.25 |
| Doxorubicin 10mg | J9000 | \$46.42 | \$9.28 | \$6.10 |
| Cyclophosphamide Lyophilized | J9096 | \$48.85 | \$9.77 | \$9.95 |
| Etoposide 10mg | J9181 | \$12.93 | \$2.59 | \$0.75 |
| Etoposide 100mg | J9182 | \$129.34 | \$25.87 | \$7.50 |
| Vincristine 1mg | J9370 | \$30.16 | \$6.03 | \$3.50 |
| Vincristine 2mg | J9375 | \$33.33 | \$6.67 | \$5.95 |

⁵ Source: Stark Investigative Materials